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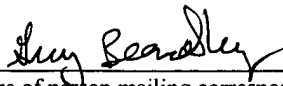
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MODIFIED CHROMATOGRAPHIC PROPERTIES, THE PRODUCTION
THEREOF AND USE OF THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-26 as follow.

1. (Amended) A method for purifying adeno-associated virus (AAV) and/or AAV particles, said method comprising using an adeno-associated virus having a structural protein that comprises at least one mutation which brings about an alteration in the chromatographic properties of the virus.

2. (Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the alteration in the chromatographic properties makes an improvement in the purification possible, in particular a concentration of the virus, preferably of the virus particles, to higher titers, a purification to greater purity and/or a more efficient purification.